



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

REVIEW OF SKILLED MIGRATION

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**Public Hearing – Friday 7 February 2003 - Canberra**

## **Review of Skilled Migration**

The demands for skilled labour worldwide and the mobility of some sectors of the workforce mean that Australia has to compete internationally for scarce skills.

Federal Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Migration is reviewing Australia's migration and temporary entry program for skilled labour.

The Committee is exploring the outcomes of Australia's current arrangements, and whether there are lessons to be learnt by Australia from the entry and program management policies of competing nations, including Canada, New Zealand, USA, Ireland, UK, Germany and Japan.

It will also consider the role of State and local authorities in determining where skilled migrants settle.

The Public Hearing will be held on Friday 7 February 2003, with the Department of Education, Science and Training, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, the ACT Government and the Institute of Engineers of Australia. The hearing will be held in Parliament House Committee Room 1R4, from 9.00am - 12.00noon.

**What: Public Hearing, Migration Committee's review of skilled migration**

**Where: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra**

**When: Friday, 7 February, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon**

For the full terms of reference and for more information, including copies of submissions, visit the inquiry website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/reports.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/reports.htm) or phone the Migration Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4560

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